

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A mobile handset keypad comprising an array of keys positioned on a surface of a mobile housing for user interface with the mobile, said array comprising:

a plurality of alphanumeric keys that operate in an alphanumeric mode;

a navigation scheme having at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key configured to navigate through a plurality of menus in a navigation mode; and

an automatic toggling between said navigation mode and the alphanumeric mode comprising:

a mode icon in a display indicative of the current mode the mobile handset is in; and

a corresponding graphical element on said at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key indicative through illumination of the current mode the mobile handset is in; and

at least one illumination source proximate to at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key, the at least one illumination

source configured to distinguish between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation scheme by illuminating the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key being in the navigation mode.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). The mobile keypad of claim 1 further comprising a toggle key for toggling between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode manually.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended). The mobile keypad of claim 4 2 wherein ~~said at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key automatically toggles~~ toggling between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode further comprises an automatic toggling between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode based upon user interaction with said plurality of menus and input data ~~data input during user interface~~, said automatic toggling is further configured to update said mode icon and said corresponding graphical element, indicating the related alphanumeric mode or navigation mode.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented). The mobile keypad of claim 1 wherein said at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key comprises:
a first integral navigation and alphanumeric comprising an up navigation function;

a second integral navigation and alphanumeric comprising a down navigation function;

a third integral navigation and alphanumeric comprising a left navigation function;

a fourth integral navigation and alphanumeric comprising a right navigation function;

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended). A mobile handset comprising:

a microprocessor and menu display including software routines for creating and displaying a menu and a mode icon in a display, said software routines configured to automatically activate:

said mode icon in said display indicative of the current mode the mobile handset is in; and

a corresponding graphical element indicative, through

illumination of at least one integral alphanumeric and

navigation key, of the current mode the mobile handset is in;

an automatic toggling between a navigation mode and an alphanumeric mode;

a housing including a front face with openings for touch keys and said display and containing said microprocessor;

a plurality of switches within said housing;
a keypad within said housing comprising an array of keys projecting through the openings in the front face of said housing, each interacting with one corresponding switch, said array comprising:

a plurality of alphanumeric keys that operate in [[an]] said alphanumeric mode;

a navigation scheme having said at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key configured to navigate through a plurality of menus in [[a]] said navigation mode;
and

at least one illumination source proximate to the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key, the at least one illumination source configured to distinguish between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation scheme by illuminating the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key being in the navigation mode.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended). The mobile handset of claim 6 further comprising a toggle key for toggling between the alphanumeric and the navigation mode manually.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended). The mobile handset of claim 6 said at ~~least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key automatically toggles~~

toggle between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode further comprises an automatic toggling between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode based upon user interaction with said plurality of menus and input data ~~data input during user interface~~, said automatic toggling is further configured to update said mode icon and said corresponding graphical element, indicating the corresponding alphanumeric mode or navigation mode.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). The mobile handset of claim 6 wherein the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key further includes indicia ~~thereon~~, thereon irradiated by said at least one illumination source comprising a proximate backlighting panel. ~~illuminating the indicia.~~

Claim 10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended). The mobile handset of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 8 additionally comprising means for sensing user interaction with said plurality of menus and input data ~~user input data so as to automatically toggle enabling the automatic toggling of~~ said combined navigation and alphanumeric keys into the navigation mode.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended). The mobile handset of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 11 additionally comprising means for sensing user interaction with said

plurality of menus and input data ~~user input data so as to automatically toggle enabling the automatic toggling of~~ said combined navigation and alphanumeric keys into the alphanumeric mode.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended). The mobile handset of claim [[6]] 12 additionally comprising means for manually toggling said combined alphanumeric and navigation keys into the alphanumeric mode when said menu displays options requiring alphanumeric mode input and into the navigation mode when said menu displays options requiring alphanumeric mode input and for error correction purposes.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented). The mobile handset of claim 6 additionally comprising a dual function key and associated switch for sending stored dialing information and entering user input when in alphanumeric mode and alternatively selecting menu options when in navigation control mode.

Claim 15 (Original). The mobile handset of claim 6 additionally comprising a dual function key and associated switch of ending a telephone call when in alphanumeric mode and alternatively moving up in the menu hierarchy when in navigation mode.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented). The mobile keypad of claim 4 wherein the at least one illumination source comprises:

- a first illumination source proximate to the first integral navigation and alphanumeric key;
- a second illumination source proximate to the second integral navigation and alphanumeric key;
- a third illumination source proximate to the third integral navigation and alphanumeric key;
- a fourth illumination source proximate to the fourth integral navigation and alphanumeric key;